

City of Haverhill City Council Minutes

Tuesday, November 17, 2015 at 7:00 PM City Council Chambers, Room 202

Present – President Michitson, Councillors Scatamacchia, Barrett, Macek, Ryan, Sullivan, Daly O'Brien, McGonagle and LePage.

City Clerk – Linda L. Koutoulas

1. Approval of Records of the Previous Meeting

Councillor Macek noted that the date of the Santa Parade was corrected to reflect Saturday, Dec. 5th.

2. Assignment of the minutes review for the next Meeting

Councillor Sullivan was assigned the minutes.

3. Communications from the Mayor

No Schedule

4. Communications and Reports from City Officers and Employees

No Schedule

5. Utility Hearing(s) and Related Order(s)

Notice from Department of public utilities re: Notice of Filing and public hearings:

1. Petition of Boston Gas Company and Colonial Gas Company, each d/b/a National Grid, for approval of its 3-year Energy Efficiency Plan for 2016 through 2018; at hearing on November 30 2015, 2:00PM at the Department Offices, One South Station, 5th Floor, Boston.

PLACED ON FILE Yeas 9, Nays 0 3

2. Petition of Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, each d/b/a National Grid, for approval of its 3-year Energy Efficiency Plan for 2016 through 2018; at hearing on November 30 2015, 2:00PM at the Department Offices, One South Station, 5th Floor, Boston.

PLACED ON FILE Yeas 9, Nays 0 34B

6. Appointments

Confirming Appointments

No Schedule

Non-confirming Appointment

Kristen Carbone to the Haverhill Overdose Prevention and Education (HOPE) committee

PLACED ON FILE

Yeas 9, Nays 0

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Christine Morabito to the Haverhill Overdose Prevention and Education (HOPE) committee PLACED ON FILE

Yeas 9, Nays 0

7. Petitions:

No Schedule

8. Applications/Handicap Parking Signs

No Schedule

9. One Day Liquor Licenses

No Schedule

10. Applications for Permit

No Schedule

11. Tag Days

HHS Boys Basketball, December 19 & 20

GRANTED Yeas 9, Nays 0 18Z

12. Annual License Renewals:

No Schedule

13. Hawker/Peddler:

Elks – 24 Summer st; to sell Christmas trees & wreaths; November 28th thru December 24th; Monday-Friday 3:00PM to 8:00PM and Saturday & Sunday, 11:00AM to 7:00PM; Has Police approval GRANTED Yeas 9, Nays 0 25G

Paul Abare – 403 River st; to sell Christmas trees, wreaths, baskets, decorations & kissing balls; November 23rd thru December 24th; Sunday-Saturday, 7:00PM to 10:00PM; Pending Police approval GRANTED PENDING POLICE APPROVAL Yeas 9, Nays 0 25H

14. Drainlayer 2015 License:

No Schedule

15. Hearings and Related Orders:

Mayor Fiorentini spoke about the recent Paris terror attacks. A moment of silence was observed.

Hearing was held on Document 130 - A communication from Stephen Gullo, Tax Assessor for Board of Assessors for Tax Classification Fiscal Year 2016. Speaking to the issue were Stephen Gullo, Mayor Fiorentini and Attorney Paul Magliocchetti on behalf of the Greater Haverhill Chamber of Commerce. HEARING CLOSED

Related communication from Mayor Fiorentini requesting to address Council regarding the proposed FY2016 Tax Levy.

Mayor Fiorentini stated that he wanted to reduce the fiscal year 2016 tax levy by \$500,000 by taking that amount from the Stabilization account and he would replace it with free cash. He recommended the 158 rate/shift (.891142)

ORDERED – That the sum of \$500,000 be raised and appropriated from the Stabilization account to reduce the Fiscal Year 2016 Tax Levy.

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR RYAN THAT THE SUM OF \$500,000 BE RAISED AND APPROPRIATED FROM THE STABILIZATION ACCOUNT TO REDUCE THE FISCAL YEAR 2016 TAX LEVY On the question of passage the yeas and nays were as follows:

Yeas,-Councillors Scatamacchia, Ryan, Sullivan, Daly O'Brien, LePage 5

Nays, - Councillors Barrett, Macek, McGonagle, & President Michitson 4

NOT PASSED 130BB

ORDERED: That the residential factor for fiscal year 2016 be adopted as:

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR RYAN TO ADOPT NUMBER .891142 (158)

On the question of passage the year and nays were as follows:

Yeas,-Councillors Scatamacchia, Sullivan 2

Nays, - Councillors Barrett, Macek, Ryan, Daly O'Brien, McGonagle, LePage and President Michitson 7

NOT PASSED

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR BARRETT TO ADOPT NUMBER .894895(156)

On the question of passage the year and nays were as follows:

Yeas,-Councillors Scatamacchia, Barrett, Macek, Sullivan, McGonagle and President Michitson 6

Nays, - Councillors Ryan, Daly O'Brien and LePage 3

PASSED 130

ORDERED: That the City shall adopt a commercial exemption

NOT PASSED Yeas 0, Nays 9 130C

ORDERED: That the City shall adopt a residential exemption

NOT PASSED Yeas 0, Navs 9 130D

ORDERED: That the City shall select an open space discount factor

NOT PASSED Yeas 0, Nays 9 130E

ORDERED: That the City Council of the City of Haverhill hereby accepts the provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 59, Section 5, Clauses 17E and 41D with respect to Permanent acceptance of the annual C.P.I. index increase to the tax exemptions for the elderly.

NOT PASSED Yeas 0, Nays 9 130F

ORDERED: That the City Council accepts 100% of C.P.I. (Consumer Price Index) increase reported by the State for F.Y. 2016 Exemptions. The 2016 C.P.I. amount is 1.63% PASSED

Yeas 9, Nays 0

130G

16. Motions and Orders:

No Schedule

17. Ordinances (File 10 Days)

No Schedule

18 Unfinished Business of preceding Meetings:

Document 11-P

Communication from Mayor submitting Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement (PILOT) for approved solar project on Hilldale av; between developer BWC Castle Neck River, LLC and City of Haverhill PASSED

Yeas 9, Nays 0

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Document 11-Q

Communication from Mayor submitting Net Metering Credit (NMC) Agreement between Blue Wave Capital and City of Haverhill with credits to be applied to City's Water and/or Wastewater Accounts PASSED

Yeas 9, Nays 0

11Q

Document 58-C

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE

CHAPTER 240

An Ordinance Relating to Boards and Commissions

Be it Ordained by the City Council of the City of Haverhill that the Code of the City of Haverhill, Chapter 11, Article XIV, as amended, is hereby further amended as follows:

Article XIV: Central Business District Parking Commission

§ 11-70. Establishment; membership; appointment

By deleting the word "six" in the first sentence before the word "members", and by inserting in place thereof the word "seven." Also by adding the words "and one of whom shall be a City Councillor selected by the Council to serve." At the end of the first sentence. (see document for complete text)*

MAYOR FIORENTINI GAVE A POWERPOINT PRESENTATION WITH MIKE STANKOVICH. HE STATED HE WAS IN FAVOR OF CITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATION ON THE COMMISSION, INCREASING THE HOURLY RATE TO \$.75, THAT CHARGING ON SATURDAY BE POSTPONED AND MAYBE INCREASING THE PERMIT FEES. MATTHEW CHASE OF BARKING DOG ALE HOUSE SPOKE IN FAVOR. LINDA GERMAIN, STAVROS DIMAKIS OF MARK'S DELI, AND SANDY HERROCK OF ARTIST'S CAFÉ SPOKE AGAINST.

On the question of passage the year and nays were as follows:

Yeas,-Councillors Scatamacchia, Ryan, Daly O'Brien 3

Nays,-President Michitson 1

Abstain,-Councillors Barrett, Macek, Sullivan, McGonagle, LePage 5

NOT PASSED 58C

19 Communications from Councillors

No Schedule

20 Resolutions and Proclamations

No Schedule

- 21 Council Committee Reports and Announcements
- 22 Documents referred to Committee Study

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 o'clock P.M.

Yeas 9, Nays 0

*Doc. 58-C Handout from Mayor Fiorentini - City of Haverhill Central Business District Area Paid Parking Program

Attest: <u>Linda Koutoulas</u>

City Clerk